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ABU DHABI FOR AMBASSADOR DICKMAN

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PDIP, SL, TC
SUBJECT: NEW UK AMBASSADOR TO UNITED ARAB EMIRATES

REFERENCE: FREETOWN 2310 (NOTAL)

1. REFTTEL IN PARA 2 MENTIONS REPORT CHARACTERIZING DAVID ROBERTS AS "UNCOMMUNICATIVE AND UNWILLING TO SHARE INFORMATION". THIS CHARACTERIZATION IS INCONSISTENT WITH ROBERTS AS NEA AFFAIRS EMBOFF IN LONDON HAS KNOWN HIM. DURING ROBERTS FIRST TOUR OF DUTY IN DAMASCUS AS DCM (1963-66) HE WAS FORTHCOMING AND ALWAYS CORDIAL IN HIS CONTACTS WITH OUR EMBASSY THERE. WE OF COURSE DEFER TO AMBASSADOR MURPHY'S VIEWS ON HIM AS A COLLEAGUE DURING ROBERTS' TOUR AS AMBASSADOR THERE FROM 1973-1976. HOWEVER, IT MAY BE NOTED THAT DURING FIELD TRIP BY LONDON EMBOFF TO FIVE POSTS IN NEAR EAST IN 1976, DURING WHICH HE MET IN EACH CASE WITH BRITISH EMBASSY AMBASSADORS OR OFFICERS, MOST COMPREHENSIVE AND CANDID
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BRITISH BRIEFING GIVEN TO HIM WAS BY AMBASSADOR ROBERTS IN DAMASCUS. WE ASSUME HIS UNHAPPINESS IN FREETOWN HAD AN ADVERSE EFFECT ON HIS RELATIONS WITH HIS COLLEAGUES THERE.

2. FCO LIST INDICATES ROBERTS HAS SERVED IN FOLLOWING POSTS IN CHRONOLOGICAL ORDER: BAGHDAD, TOKYO, ALEXANDRIA,

KHARTOUM, DAKAR, DAMASCUS, DUBAI, HC AT BRIDGETOWN IN
BARBADOS, DAMASCUS AS AMBASSADOR, AND FREETOWN.

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